

DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller W

16 November 1965

1. I participated in a meeting conducted by the Director to discuss the Agency's relationship with social scientists. Drs. Cline, Borel, Abbot Smith, and [] were in attendance with [] the principal spokesman. He had done his homework well and spoke from a very impressive paper. The gist of it was that, based on consultations with the [] comprised of well-known and highly respected social scientists from several different parts of the U. S., they had concluded that it would be counterproductive to organize formal panels of social scientists to consult with and be exploited by the Agency. Instead, they concluded that the relationship between this segment of the academic community and the Government, particularly CIA and the Department of State, is at a very low ebb. The [] was frequently and prominently mentioned as the type of thing which social scientists abhor. They are also reluctant to be associated with the Government in any formal way because they feel that it would preclude any chance to visit and/or study in foreign countries, particularly the Bloc countries. I believe the Director accepted this and that DD/I is no longer obligated to attempt to organize formal panels. In lieu of this they propose to expand their list of consultants, now at thirty-five, to about forty-six by January 1966 and possibly to fifty by next spring and to develop their relationships in a quiet, informal way. Other things which they discussed were as follows:

a. They believe it is necessary to get relief from the \$50-per-day consultation fee. I explained the legal restriction, and we discussed possible ways of getting around this, such as WAE status.

b. Second, they plugged for relaxation of the Agency's security policy and regulations concerning the attendance at and participation in national societies and meetings as CIA representatives.

c. Third, they also believe that the Agency regulations and security policy should be re-examined in order to permit greater

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latitude for DD/I people to publish under their own names and as CIA employees.

d. Fourth, they advocated that some consideration be given to declassifying to the maximum extent possible the reservoir of information in CIA files and the establishment of some sort of research center which would be available to academicians and students involved in various kinds of social science research.

The Director didn't approve or disapprove any of these proposals except the expansion of the consultant list in lieu of the organization of formal panels. He requested DD/I to submit a paper which we could study, and Ray Cline agreed to do so.

2. [] came to talk to me []
He had two principal points:

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b. The [] problem makes [] more urgent. [] has just returned [] and feels that this is being played in very low key by the Embassy and that we might have to get Secretary Rusk to send a message to the Ambassador there to emphasize the importance of this matter. Jack suggested that our approach be made through Alexis Johnson. He will let us know when the time is right. I told [] that I could get Dick Helms or the Director to make the necessary representations.

3. [] was in to visit with me for a few minutes. He had attended the evening session at the University of North Carolina with [] as part of our "100 Universities Program." It was Dan's opinion that [] was not candid enough in explaining to the faculty the reasons for the meeting. He also felt that [] despite his scholarly attributes, had not been around the Agency long

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25X1 enough to be a good representative. He was frank in saying that he thought the Agency should send people who had been here long enough and whose experience was broad enough to answer questions frankly but without disclosing operational details. Otherwise, the program was not worth the effort and expense. He later talked to Dick Helms along these same lines, and Dick asked me to take a more personal interest in this program in the future. I agreed to do this, of course, but feel that [] is almost certainly an exception to the rule. In retrospect, it probably was a mistake to send him out without having an old hand accompany him.

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